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Telegram-from the Collector of South Kanara.
To- the Secretary to the Board of Rev, Land Rev & Settlement, Madras

Dated-Mangalore, 11th July 1923.

Udipi Tahsildar reports unprecedented floods in the rivers of Udipi Taluk resulting destruction of about one thousand huts and houses and loss of property ----- estimated fifty thousand. Detailed report called for. Relief measures for the houseless being arranged through local committee.

Collector.

/True Copy/

For Collector.

To the Secretary to the Board of Rev, Land Rev & Settlement, Madras.
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Very Urgent

Subject.—

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FOR MEMBER

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Floods — South Kanara — Sudipi Pk — Telegraphic report — Subd

READ AGAIN B.P., No. _____ dated _____ 191

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READ ALSO :—

H Register No. 1721, From the Coll^r of South Kanara, No. Telegram, dated 11-7-1923 A to Govt and P to Coll^r

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Reminder on 18.8.23. (Clerk)

RESOLUTION. H 1721/23-1 No. _____, dated 18-7-1923

Note

As required in B.S.O. No. 209 vol I, page 450, the Coll^r would have submitted a telegraphic report to the Chief Secy to Govt.

It is understood that the original of the Telegram was sent to me, (in camp) yesterday.

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I don't think this is much yet. It is not one particular flood but a whole series apparently & Woodhouse is not much L.C. 18/7/23

Subd to Govt for information.

2. The Coll^r is requested to submit at a very early date a detailed report in the Common of the action taken by him to save life and property and to relieve distress.

MK 13.7.23. 13/VII/23 13.7.23

the Secy to Govt Rev. Dept

the Coll^r of South Kanara

Note. Please see M/'s remarks on the telegram

The Board has no definite information whether the Collr has informed Govt of the Floods. Perhaps the Draft demand may now issue.

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FLOODS IN COONDAPOOR.

HEAVY DAMAGE.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

COONDAPOOR, July 12.

Sir, This week has been a disastrous one to a large section of this District, and especially to Coondapoor Taluk on account of the torrental rainfall, and the unprecedented floods which it brought in its train. The wet season began indeed under very unsatisfactory conditions, so much so, that it was thought that the rains this year will fall far short of requirements. The transplanting of rice seedlings was being carried on in a very half-hearted fashion, in fact, on account of the poor monsoon that was being predicted. But, with the advent of "Punarvasu," all this changed with a vengeance, and rains began to make good in right earnest. On Saturday it began to pour "cats and dogs" literally, and on Sunday alone, it is said, about 13 inches of rain fell. The river which was just shaking itself of a previous inundation, began to fill rapidly and by the morning of Monday it had attained the proportions of the previous floods. Yet rain was falling continuously in torrents, and the river was making inroads into towns and villages without giving people time to meet the situation. The situation became very serious by mid-day on Monday and houses began to collapse in dozens, with the occupants standing by helpless in waist-deep water. Recourse was consequently had to boats, and the small thonies were filled to their utmost with panic-stricken men, women and children, and taken to wherever seemed to be safe and dry! Where male members were too timid or helpless to try and salve things, the inmates of the falling houses simply abandoned them and cleared off!! Where anybody volunteered to remain behind and save property or cattle, the poor people merely blessed the daring soul and fled. In all cases it was a race for dear life! Cattle died of long immersion in the water. Houses which were considered very strong at other times, crumbled to their foundations like houses of cards. Even pucca-built stone houses, far away from the floods or the river, collapsed on account of the heavy rain. Fields where transplantation was going on were annexed by the river, and the thousands of bundles of paddy seedings waiting to be transplated were simply washed away. Yet, all this time, the water was rising, rising, rising! To many, it was an occasion for sight-seeing, and people there were who even could laugh at the terrible happenings. But sympathy was freely flowing to the distressed families, and there were hundreds who even risked their lives to be of use to these unfortunate people. The whole river-bed which was studded with small islands full of houses, gardens etc., now looked to be a vast sheet of water, with the cocoanut trees only showing where the islands lay immersed. The panic-stricken residents of all these Kudurs or Islands fled to wherever they could find shelter, or dry ground.

The Tahsildar of the town, Mr. Krishnachari, did much to render assistance to all these Islanders. He, with his Revenue Inspector, could be seen running to help the people in the Motor Launch belonging to Dr. N. Pandurang Rao. The presence of this launch at Coondapoor at this time was a very highly fortunate circumstance. But for this launch, the tale of this inundation would probably have been a tale of woeful happenings and untold loss of life, human and animal. People actually were crying to the passing launch to be lifted up! It is said that the launch even saved a women recently confined by taking her and her new-born babe to a place of safety. The Tahsildar's action in requisitioning this launch with a regular flotilla of thonies and other boats to literally scour the flooded river and the Islands for the assistance of the people in distress, is beyond all praise. He visited almost every house left standing or in distress and rendered aid wherever it was wanted. Cattle were towed or carried to places of safety, property left unclaimed was taken charge of, for later enquiry and delivery to the proper owners. Men and women who were stranded in their houses without boats were taken to places of safety.

Such floods were not seen or heard of in these parts during the last half a century. Indeed, the oldest man in Coondapoor cannot remember floods of this magnitude, and the loss caused by them. The damage or loss to property, life, crops etc., cannot be accurately estimated at present; but that it is tremendous is admitted on all hands.

Let us pray God that such floods may not visit us in future!

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Hindu A. 16.7.28.

Submitted for perusal.
The collector's report
may be awaited

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Abstract.

Floods in (South Kanara)- Udipi Taluk- Collector's telegraphic Report.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. Mis. 1095 dated 20th July 192 3.

READ the following papers:—

ENCLOSURES.

No.

Telegram fromthe Collector of South Kanara, dated 20th June 1923.

Letter from the Collector of South Kanara, dated 16th July 1923.

From the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue and Settlement, Ref.H.1721/23-1, dated 18th July 1923.

ORDER.

RECORDED.

2. The Collector's detailed report on the floods is awaited.

(By Order of the Governor in Council).

E. W. Legh,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue and Settlement.
To the Collector of South Kanara.

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue Settlt.)

(By Order)

V. Pammeswami
Superintendent.

TKG/20-7-23.

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PTO

Copy of letter from the Collector of South Kanara, dated 16th July 1923.

I have the honour to state that the recent floods in Udipi taluk have resulted in widespread destruction of houses in the villages of Udiawar, Tonse, Barkur, Uppur, &c., and having visited a good proportion of these places, I have satisfied myself that the damage has been serious. I am on my way to Coondapoor where also floods are reported to have caused serious damage. In order to ascertain which of the owners require and through poverty ought to get, free grants of timber and to ascertain what materials remain and are still serviceable a house to house inspection is essential. I am informed that for Udipi taluk alone this will have to cover about two thousand houses which are situated mostly in cocoanut gardens by the river side and the staff at the disposal of the Tahsildar is quite inadequate as only one Revenue Inspector is available for the work. A similar enquiry will no doubt have to be held for Coondapoor taluk, and for Mangalore taluk. The work for the three taluks could be done with reasonable promptitude (probably in less than a month) with the assistance of the Labour staff of this district under the orders of Mr. Sultan Mohideen. Without some such help it will take a long time to do and recommendations and the orders thereon must be delayed. Will you therefore kindly depute the District Labour officer and his staff for this work, obtaining the orders of Government if necessary? I should be glad of a reply by wire as the matter is very urgent.

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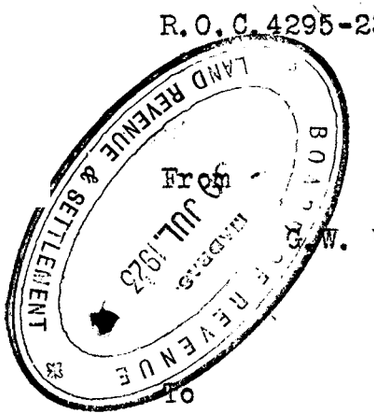
R.O.C.4295-23-V.7. South Kanara Collector's Office,

Mangalore, 23rd July 1923.



From

C.W. Wells, Esquire, M.A., I.C.S.,

Collector of South Kanara.

To

The Secretary to the Board,

Land Revenue and Settlement,

M a d r a s.

Sir,

Floods - South Kanara district - Damage caused - Report submitted.

Board's Reference H.1721/23-1, dated 18.7.1923.

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On the 8th and 9th instant there were incessant and ---- heavy rains in this district. Consequently there were unusual floods in the rivers, especially in the big rivers of --------- (1) Netravati and Phulguni (Gurpur) in the Mangalore Taluk, --- (2) Udyawar, Suvarnanadi and Sitanadi in the Udipi Taluk, ----- (3) the Haladi river, Chakranadi and Kollur river in the ------ Coondapoor Taluk and (4) the Kumardhari and Netravati rivers in the Uppinangady Taluk. The floods began to rise on the morning of the 9th and reached more than the usual flood level on the - evening of the 10th instant, began to subside on the morning of the 11th and completely subsided by the evening of the 12th. The areas affected by the floods, therefore, are those which lie in the vicinity of the above rivers, the worst affected being those at the confluence of these rivers with other minor rivers. There has been no loss of human life, although the floods were unprecedented in the annals of this district during the last 50 years.

2. The Tahsildar of Udipi having reported in his report dated the 10th instant received by me on the 11th, that the --- floods in his Taluk had caused destruction of about a thousand houses and huts and loss of property, the total loss being ----

estimated at half a lakh of rupees, a telegram was sent by me on the 11th to the Government and the Board of Revenue as --- required by para. 2 of G.O.No.94, Public, dated 30th January 1917.

3. The affected parts in the three coast taluks of --- Coondapoor, Udipi and Mangalore are reported to be the ------ following:-

(1) Coondapoor Taluk.

(a) Balkur and Japti villages at the confluence of the Haladi and Kurianadi rivers.

(b) Anagalli and Coondapoor at the confluence of ----- Chakranadi and Haladi rivers.

(c) Shankranarayana below the junction of the Haladi and Gurget rivers.

(2) Udipi Taluk.

(a) Tonse East, Tonse West, Baikadi and Uppur villages, which lie at the confluence of the Suvarnanadi and Madisal -- Hole.

(b) Udyawar, Yenugudde, Mudabettu, Kote, Manipur and - Kurkal villages lying between the Udyawar and Hirebettu rivers.

(c) Kachur and adjoining villages at the confluence of the Sitanadi and Sankadi rivers.

(3) Mangalore Taluk.

(a) Padukodi, Bangrakulur, Tannirbhavi and Panambur -- villages lying at the mouth of the Phulguni or Gurpur river.

(b) Bantwal, Muda and Amtadi villages, ten or twelve - miles below the junction of the Netravati and Kumardhari ---- rivers at Uppinangady.

4. Coondapoor Taluk.- The Tahsildar reports that --- about 1078 houses including huts and sheds were completely -- destroyed and 250 houses were partially damaged by the floods in his Taluk resulting in a total loss of about Rs.1,08,000/ With the aid of the motor boat placed at his disposal by the ferry contractor of Gangolly, the Tahsildar was able to save

life and property to a large extent in Anagalli village including a small island in it known as Hirikudru, and the Kodi portion - of the Coondapoor village. Copies of his reports dated 10th - and 15th instant are enclosed. In consequence of these floods, the Gangolly bar has widened, corroding a small portion of patta land in Kodi. There has been also a land-slide on the road -- leading from Kollur to Nagodi and the iron bridge over the ----- Dalihole river has given way; a temporary bridge has now been put up by the Local Fund Engineering Department.

Udipi Taluk.- In the (a) group of villages mentioned - in paragraph 3 under this Taluk, the total number of houses that collapsed is reported to be about 1000/- consisting mostly of - huts, the loss being estimated at half a lakh of rupees - please see the Udipi Tahsildar's report dated 10th July 1923 copy ---- enclosed. In the (b) group about 300 houses consisting mostly of small thatched structures have collapsed - vide the enclosed copy of the Udipi Stationary Deputy Tahsildar's report dated -- 11th July 1923 in which the extent of loss however is not ----- specified. The Tahsildar's report on (c) group has not been - received.

Mangalore Taluk.- In the (a) group, 37 houses, 2 shops and 3 cow-pens have collapsed, the total loss being estimated - at Rs.5,350/- - vide enclosed copy of the Mangalore Tahsildar's report dated 12th July 1923. In the (b) group about --------- 150 buildings have fallen and the loss is estimated at -------- Rs.25,000 - vide enclosed copy of the Bantwal Deputy Tahsildar's report dated the 13th instant.

5. Two Relief Committees have been started in Udipi on - non-official initiative. As none was started at Coondapoor, I started one with two non-officials as office bearers and an --- official as treasurer when I visited Coondapoor Taluk on the -- 18th and 19th instant. These Committees are taking steps to - relieve the distress among the destitute.

6. With a view to have an idea of the extent of damage -

caused by the floods and of the general situation among the sufferers, Mr. Green, the Sub-Collector of Coondapoor, who was camping at the time in Mangalore, and myself left Mangalore for the affected areas in Udipi Taluk on the 13th instant via Karkal. Both of us visited the village of Udyawar, on the 13th and 14th. Mr. Green held a detailed investigation in Uppur village on the 14th, a copy of his notes of inspection is enclosed. I also inspected between the 13th and the 16th the villages of Tonse East, Tonse West, Kachur and the island Bennekudru in Udipi Taluk. Between the 17th and 20th I inspected Anagalli village including the islands of Bavakudru and Hirikudru, Souda including part of Shankranarayana, Gangolly and Kodi in Coondapoor Taluk. From Shankranarayana I ~~travelled~~ walked over to Haladi of Udipi Taluk and saw a number of affected houses there. A transcript of my notes is enclosed. The damage was found by me to be serious in Tonse East and West, Uppur and Kachur villages of Udipi Taluk and Anagalli and Souda villages of Coondapoor Taluk. Japti where it is also reported to be serious I did not visit, but I do not doubt the correctness of the report. I am taking steps with the assistance of the Labour Staff just placed at my disposal by the Labour Commissioner as per my request dated 16th July 1923 (a copy of which is enclosed) to have a house to house inspection in the affected areas in the three coast taluks mentioned above to ascertain what relief in the way of grant of bamboos and timber is necessary, the criterion for grant of such relief being that persons who have no landlords ordinarily responsible for their housing or no relatives able and willing to help them should be relieved by free grants of timber and bamboos for reconstructing or repairing their houses. As regards the losses of grain kept for household use and household effects, they no doubt appear to be widespread in the affected areas of the Udipi and Coondapoor Taluks but the Government cannot, I think, undertake to compensate

for such losses and has no responsibility to do so. This ---- seems to me a matter to be dealt with by private philanthropic individuals and charitable institutions on their own initiative and such individuals and institutions are to be found in this - district. The relief of the destitute, by which expression I - mean, those who are unable to clothe and feed themselves for a - period of time which may vary in individual cases, may, I consider, be left to non-official initiative. There are not on - the surface many such cases. Except in the affected villages of Udipi Taluk I found people generally at work in the areas -- visited by me and was not approached by any people expressing - that they were in a destitute condition. At Thonse I saw a -- considerable number of people collected together for receiving relief from the Udipi Relief Committee and also a few families at Udywar. Generally speaking, as the labouring classes can -- find work at present till the cultivation season is over and -- the Udipi Relief Committees have taken prompt action, I have no reason to believe that any one is starving. On my way back on the 20th, I saw the Tahsildar of Udipi who told me that approximately 400 persons are being fed in Mudu Tonse and 300 in Padu Tonse by the local Relief Committee at a cost of Rs. but he was not certain as to these figures. Probably there -- will be scope for the Relief Committees to do useful work when the cultivation season is over. I have had an offer of help - from the District Board President, Rao Bahadur Mr. N. Subba Rao of Mangalore, by way of convening a public meeting to invite -- subscriptions, but I am deferring acceptance of his offer at -- present till I am in possession of statistics of destitution, - which will be collected in connection with the house to house - inspection already commenced in Udipi Taluk under my instructions. Instructions have also been issued to the Tahsildar of Coondapoor and the Divisional Officer of Mangalore to collect such statistics by a house to house enquiry in the affected areas.

7. When the reports of investigation by a house to --- house enquiry in the affected areas of the three Taluks mentioned above are received, a supplemental report will be ---- submitted. It is reported both by the Tahsildar of Kasaragod and the Deputy Tahsildar of Hosdrug that there were no floods in the Kasaragod Taluk. No report of any floods in Karkal - or Uppinangady Taluks has yet been received, but the Tahsildar of Karkal, whom I met on my return journey on the 20th, ----- informed me that the damage in his taluk is not great. I -- have, however, issued a circular to the Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars to submit reports after careful investigation on - the extent of damage caused to people by the recent floods. It is likely that the reported figures of houses affected --- will be found to be a little misleading in so far as they ------ probably include cattle sheds and outhouses as well as ------ dwelling houses.

Your obedient servant,

Collector.
26.7.23

M.S.R./24.7.23.

25.7.23

Copy of report dated 10th July 1923 from M.R.Ry. B. Krishnamachari Avargal, Tahsildar, Coondapur Taluk to the Collector of South Kanara.

Unusual floods - heavy damages - houses and moveables - help rendered for relief.

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In continuation of my to-day's telegram, I beg to report that in consequence of heavy rains, the rivers were in high -- floods yesterday. The water in the rivers began to rise in - the morning. Many of the houses and outhouses situated along the banks of the river were partly under water, and began to - fall down. On receipt of information that the whole of ----- Hirikudru (a small islet or kudru forming portion of Anagalli village) had submerged under water, I immediately proceeded to Hirikudru to render necessary help to the persons living there and deputed the Revenue Inspector, Coondapoor to go to Kodi of Coondapoor Casba to render necessary assistance to those who - were standing in need of help. By the time I reached ------- Hirikudru the walls of about 30 to 40 houses had fallen down. Some pariahs who were quite helpless and whose huts had ------ collapsed were at once taken to Coondapoor in one of the boats taken with me. In one house where there were about 12 children, 2 females and one male did not know what to do. They had no boat with them; nor had they any influence to get a boat from others. One of the walls of the house gave way, when the --- children began to cry aloud. Their cry attracted my attention, and I sent all the children and other inmates of the house to Sabladi. One of them was a woman in confinement. A boat -- was also provided for that woman. No sooner was the house -- vacated than the other walls thereof also gave way. Had it - not been for my timely arrival and prompt rescue of the inmates of the house, all the souls would have been lost.

2. On my return from Hirikudru to Coondapoor, I landed in Kharvikeri where I observed about 10 or 12 houses which --- were partly under water. One of these was a newly built tiled

house and the other buildings were thatched ones. In a few hours the mud walls of the new house gave way one after ----- another. The roofs alone of the thatched houses were visible over the water surface.

3. At Kodi of Coondapoor Casba about 30 houses have -- fallen down and the bar has become widened in consequence of a portion of Kodi having been washed away.

4. At Anagalli about 100 houses have collapsed till this evening. The women and children of those houses were removed to Coondapoor last evening on Chikkensal ferry boats with the help of the owners thereof. I learnt this morning that there were still more persons remained at Anagalli for watching --- their property and that they were reluctant to part with it, at the cost of their own lives. As the current in the river was so strong that ordinary boats could not be taken to ----- Anagalli against the current, I requested the contractor of Gangolli ferry to spare his motor boat and two ordinary boats for being taken to Anagalli for bringing the above said persons and their moveables to Coondapoor. The contractor readily - complied with my request and took two big ordinary boats with his motor boat by towing promptly. The Revenue Inspector, - Coondapoor, my duffadar and some peons were also sent to ---- Anagalli. With their help the contractor removed the people and their moveables to Coondapoor in about 3 hours. Had it not been for the motor boat, the people and the property ---- could not have been so promptly taken to Coondapoor, as the - ordinary boats could not be plied against the strong current.

5. A further detailed report will be submitted in a -- day or two about the damages occurred in other villages of -- the Taluk.

Copy of report Ref. on C.No.977/Sub/23, dated 15th July 1923, from M.R.Ry. B. Krishnachar, Aversal. Tahsildar.

Coondapoor Taluk, to the Collector of South Kanara.

Unusual floods - Coondapoor Taluk - loss sustained - report submitted.

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In my report of the 10th instant I reported about the - action of the floods in Anagalli and Coondapoor villages and - the steps taken by me on the 9th and 10th idem to rescue the people and property. On the morning of the 11th instant I -- again proceeded to Hirikudru and Anagalli with the motor boat and a few ordinary boats to see the state of affairs there. I observed that the cattle of some people which could not be --- removed for want of boats were standing in water. There were altogether 15 head of cattle which were, with the consent of - the owners, left with much difficulty on the other side of the river at Sabladi in Tallur village. The villages where the - loss is the heaviest are Anagalli, Balkur, Japti and --------- Shankranarayana. In other riverside villages the damage or -- loss sustained is not much. In Baindur and Wandse sides the damage is slight. On the whole in none of the villages of -- the Taluk human life has fallen a victim to the floods.

2. Extent of loss and damage. It would appear from -- enquiry so far made that about 1078 houses including huts and sheds collapsed and about 250 houses were damaged. The loss sustained on this account is roughly estimated at Rs.90,420. About 57 head of cattle and other moveables are reported to -- have been washed away resulting in a loss of about Rs.13,598. The total loss thus amounts to Rs.1,08,518 as detailed in the enclosed list. M.R.Ry. H. Madappaya, President, Taluk Board, Coondapoor estimates his share of the loss at Rs.15,000.

3. Effect of floods on the Gangolli bar. In consequence of the large volume of water rushing into the sea with strong and heavy current the bar has been widened corroding a small - portion of occupied land in Kodi. This has saved not only the inhabitants of Kodi but also a portion of Coondapoor town lying

by the river side.

4. Condition of people whose houses have collapsed or have been damaged. Most of these people are chalgeni tenants They have taken shelter under their landlords. The working classes including pariahs are living by cooly work and by --- begging. The middle classes have gone to their relatives. I propose to start a relief committee with the co-operation of the leading landholders and other gentlemen of the taluk for extending help to poor persons who have suffered loss.

5. The floods began to subside on the afternoon of the 11th instant and it had completely subsided by the evening of 12th idem. The resident pattadars and the cultivating ----- tenants are slowly repairing to their old places.

6. Owing to a mountain slip by the side of the road -- leading from Kollur to Nagodi only a footpath out of the road remains and the people have to wade through with caution. The iron bridge over the Dalihole river having given way, the --- Local Fund Overseer has already put up a temporary bridge for people to pass.

Udipi

Copy of report No.A, dated 10th July 1923, from ------ M.R.Ry. R. Shiva Rao Avergal, Tahsildar of Udipi Taluk, to the Collector of South Kanara through the Revenue Divisional ---- Officer, Coondapoor.

Floods - Destruction of houses and property - Report submitted.

On account of the incessant and heavy rains for the -- last two days there have been unprecedented floods in the --- rivers of this taluk resulting in the destruction of a large number of houses and loss of property in the several villages of the taluk along the side of the rivers. I visited ------

Tonse East, Tonse West, Baikadi and Uppur villages to-day and -- find that a very large number of houses have collapsed and ----- moveable property including cattle lost and the houseless poor - have sought shelter in buildings higher up, such as school houses, churches, etc. Some philanthropic gentlemen in Kallianpur have accommodated a pretty large number in their houses. The Taluk Board President and the District Munsif were with me and we have arranged with the Local Fund School authorities to close the --- schools at Kallianpur for a week, so as to accommodate the house-less poor. The Manager of the Dhupa Factory at Kallianpur has also agreed to allow the use of the factory building for the --- houseless poor. It is said that the number of houses (mostly huts) collapsed in the villages visited by me is about 1000, the total value of the property lost being 50,000 Rs.

2. Similar losses are said to have occurred in many other villages also, but so far no definite information has been ----- received. As I hear that on Barkur side, there has been serious loss, I am proceeding to the locality tomorrow and shall submit details later on. I have requested the Stationary Deputy ----- Tahsildar to visit the villages along the side of the Udiavar -- river, where also similar losses seem to have occurred.

3. It appears that waters began to rise high in the river at midday yesterday and continued rising till about 5 P.M. during which period the houses collapsed. In the villages visited by me, it does not appear there has been any loss of life due to -- floods; nor has any information been received as to whether --- there have been cases of loss of life in other villages. I --- shall submit detailed report on receipt of information called -- for in the matter. The floods are now subsiding.

4. On my return from Kallianpur this evening, a meeting - was convened in the Union Club and a Committee formed for raising subscriptions for the relief of the distressed. We have been - able to secure already about 180 muras of rice and Rs.120 in cash. The Committee is striving hard to collect as much subscription as possible for the relief of the houseless poor.

Copy of report dated 11th July 1923 from M.R.Ry. G. Dattatriya Rao, Stationary Deputy Tahsildar of Udipi, to - the Revenue Divisional Officer, Coondapoor.

I beg to report about a flood , attended with heavy -- loss of property, which has affected all the river side ----- villages of this Taluk. They say that it was higher by 3 or 4 feet than any flood of recent years and that there was not such a flood during the last 50 years. The water began to - rise on the morning of 9.7.1923 on account of the heavy rain (10 inches) during the previous 24 hours and which continued on 9.7.1923 and the flood continued on 10.7.1923 also, when - it showed signs of abatement. On 10.7.1923, the Tahsildar of this Taluk visited Kallianpur, which is the centre of one of the affected areas and that evening at a public meeting held in the Victoria Jubilee Union Club, Udipi, a committee of 20, consisting of Khan Bahadur Haji Abdullah Haji Kassim and ---- others, representative of vakils, landlords and merchants and including the Tahsildar and myself, was appointed for the --- purpose of collecting subscriptions and beginning relief work immediately in all the affected areas of the Taluk. About - 200 muras of rice and Rs.150 in cash were subscribed at once. Messrs. M. Vittal Kamath and P. Gopal Nayak are the Secretary and Treasurer respectively of the committee. The extent of the damage had to be ascertained and so the Tahsildar with -- some members of the committee started to-day for Brahmavar and I went with Mr. P. Gopal Nayak southwards. At the Udiavar - church the parish priest told us that of about 300 houses of his parish only 11 were standing and the rest had fallen on - account of the flood. From morning till evening we visited Udiavar, Yenugudde, Mudabettu, Kote, Manipur and Kurkal ----- villages and we also got information about the other adjoining villages. We saw many houses - not less than 300 - collapsed on account of the flood. These were mostly small thatched - structures with walls on the banks of the river, though some

stronger and bigger houses also have fallen. No lives have been lost. It was fortunate that the flood was during day-time. We found that in most cases cattle, rice and other movables had been saved. The refugees had sought shelter with their friends and relations whose houses had not been washed away and their landlords had been very kind to them. We found about 50 families huddled together in the Sode Mutt at Udiavar and about 20 families in the Admar Mutt at Manipur. All their belongings saved were with them. Most of the houses that have collapsed were on chalgeni holdings and the chief party to suffer are the landlords who have to rebuild them. The cultivating tenants have mostly saved their stock of rice. Some cooly tenants without cultivation who have lost their houses and who have nothing to fall back upon are the worst sufferers and relief has to be given to them to keep them from starvation. We were told that there might be about 300 souls that thus required relief at Udiavar. To-day Mr. P. Pandurang Nayak, Vakil, distributed 4 muras of rice as charity among them and Messrs. K.J. Ballal and M. Ramakrishna Rao also distributed rice. This evening we convened a meeting at Udiavar, where a relief committee was appointed and they have subscribed and arranged for doles of rice to the sufferers for some days.

2. This night at about 9 P.M. I met Mr. A. Laxminarayana Rao, Vice-President, Taluk Board. He was one of the party that went to Kallianpur. He told me that in Tonse East, Tonse West, Uppur, Havanje and other villages, the moveables of the sufferers had not been saved, but were mostly under the collapsed houses and now that the flood was going down, some petty thefts of such things were going on. He represented that if I and a party of policemen petrolled in these villages, it might create an impression and thefts might be avoided. I am therefore leaving for these villages early tomorrow morning and some policemen also will go with me.

3. I found that the flood which had partly subsided had slightly risen on account of to-day's rain.

Copy of report Ref.C.No.2086/Sup.23, dated 12th July - 1923, from M.R.Ry. T.B. Shankar Rao Avergal, Tahsildar of --- Mangalore Taluk, to the Collector of South Kanara.

Subject:- Floods in Kulur river - Extent of damage - Your Ref.C.No.4295-23-V.7, dated 11.7.23 - Report submitted.

Mangalore

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I inspected the locality to-day. I understand that - yesterdayowing to the floods the part of the country on ----- either side of the Kulur ferry for a distance of a mile was all one expanse of water and there being about 4 feet of ---- water even above the roads,wheeled traffic was impossible. -- Water has gone down considerably to-day and there is only --- about a feet of water above the road for a distance of a furlong at the 4th mile and for about 3 furlongs on the northern side of the ferry. Carts and jatkas are freely passing to-day.

2. People say that even the oldest among them had not witnessed such unusually heavy floods in the past. Water -- began to rise above the usual flood limit towards evening on the 10th instant and people began to vacate their houses ---- immediately with as much property as they could remove and -- took shelter in the houses of friends and relations higher up There was thus no loss of human life or cattle, but a number of houses in the flood area have completely collapsed, beside minor damages such as falling down of a wall, etc., to a number of other houses. So far as I have been able to make out a list thereof

10 houses, one cowpen and 1 shop have collapsed in Padukodi village - Estimated loss	Rs. 350.
15 houses, 2 cowpens and 1 shop in Bangrakulur - Estimated loss	Rs.2300.
One house and 1 cowpen in Derebail -	Rs. 100.
Two houses in Tannirbhavi	Rs.1500.
Eight houses in Panambur.	Rs.1100.

Similar damages are also said to have taken place in -

the villages higher up viz., Kenjar, Thokur, Panjimogar and --- Kunjathbail.

3. The falling of houses situated by the side of this -- year during floods is not an unusual occurrence, but the flood this time having exceeded its usual bounds, the houses that have fallen down are estimated to be at least five times the usual - number. I am enquiring if any families have been rendered --- completely destitute by the destruction of houses and if such - exist I shall submit a separate report very soon.

4. The ryots that assembled during my visit to the locality again and again pressed upon my attention the imperative need for opening a bar in front of the Sultan's Battery. They say that a bar had existed here till about 25 years ago and --- that it is only after it closed of itself they have been subject to the havoc of floods annually. The flood water is said to be retained by the cultivated fields on either side of the ---- river for a number of days and the crops are more or less completely damaged. They have greater fear on this score this -- year owing to the unusually heavy nature of the floods. A -- direct outlet by means of an artificial bar at the place above-mentioned will, they say, empty the flood water into the sea -- more rapidly and the recurring damage to their crops every year would be avoided. They merely ask for permission of Government to open the bar which, they say, they would themselves do ----- without putting Government to any additional expense. They are even prepared to compensate for the private rights, if any, that may have to be acquired at the place where the bar is to be --- opened. The prayer of the ryots which they urge with all ---- earnestness deserves a sympathetic consideration and I beg to recommend that the Port Officer and the officers of Public --- Works Department may be kindly consulted and such orders as -- may be deemed fit passed in the matter.

Copy of report L.Dis.C.No.439/Sup./23, dated 13th July

1923, from M.R.Ry. G. Madhava Prabhu, Deputy Tahsildar, Bantwal, to the Collector of South Kanara through the Revenue Divisional Officer, Mangalore.

On the night of the 10th instant there were high floods in Bantwal town and its vicinity (Muda and Amtadi villages) - on account of the heavy rainfall on the 9th and 10th instants (5.70 inches on 9th and 6.35 inches on 10th). The floods -- subsided on the morning of 11th instant. About 150 buildings consisting of about 100 houses of the poor, bath sheds and -- cow sheds have fallen away and the walls of some of the ----- substantial buildings also in the town have collapsed. The loss in moveables and buildings may be estimated at about --- Rs.25,000. Fortunately no lives were lost.

2. The report relating to the damages caused by the -- rainfall in other villages have not yet been received.

Copy of notes of Inspection dated 14th July 1923 by I. Green, Esquire, I.C.S., Sub Collector of Coondapoor.

Some houses damaged in Uppur.

1. Koraga Pujari. Tiled and thatched house. Collapsed. Owner's estimated cost of restoration, Rs.1000/-, after allowing for tiles and wood and bricks still remaining. Said to be a poor man and deserving of help.

2. Cajetan Luis. Thatched, well built house. Damage restricted to breaches in the walls. Owner says it will -- cost Rs.200/- to restore cowshed destroyed.

3. Peter Custodia Luis. Tiled and well built house. Not much saved except a few tiles and some wood. Foundation damaged. Owner says it cost Rs.2000/- to build. Said to have borrowed money to build the house.

4. Bene Luis. Thatched house reputed to have cost Rs.400/- or Rs.500/-. Destroyed. All moveables said to have been lost. Owner not present at my inspection. Wood remaining.

5. Paul Clement Luis. House ready to fall. Owner claims that the house will cost Rs.200/- to repair. Says that he lost 5 or 6 muras of rice and cooking vessels. Wood remaining.

6. Mareel Banji, cooly. Hut reputed to cost Rs.50/- destroyed. Owner not present but was said to have lost --- everything i.e., rice and copper vessels. Might deserve -- some bamboo.

7. Kala Pujari. House and cowshed destroyed. House said to have cost Rs.400/- to build. Wreckage not cleared away so amount of wood which remains is not known. Says he lost 8 muras of rice.

8. Gadra Pujari. House will have to be rebuilt. Said to have cost Rs.200/- to build. All materials present.

9. Beja Marakala. Pays Rs.10/- mulgeni rent. House damaged but not irreparably. Said to have cost Rs.200/- or Rs.300/- to build.

10. Duma Marakala, brother of the above. House completely destroyed. Practically no materials left. Owner a fisherman and says he lost all his nets worth Rs.1000/-, including his maribala, worth Rs.500/- or Rs.600/-. Said to have lost his property because he was engaged in the rescue of others. He is said to pay Rs.10/- mulgeni rent. House said to have cost Rs.200/- or Rs.300/- to build. I think this man has suffered.

11. Padmanabha Kukkilaya. Says his house cost Rs.1500/- to build and that he lost Rs.200/- worth of moveable property. The house is completely destroyed. Some tiles and timber saved. Reputed a worthy man and to have built his house --- cheaply because he and his family worked at it themselves. Want a grant of 3 or 4 kodis of timber but a lot of timber has been saved and is fit for use again. The potel is his ----- distant relation.

12. Manjanatha Kukkilaya. The house was an old one and is said to have cost Rs.800/- to build. It has completely collapsed but the wood is underneath. Has a well built stone and tiled house alongside which has not been damaged. Owner is the shanbhogue's father in law.

13. Parameshwara Pujari. Large house. The foundations may have been damaged. A small lean to cowshed has --- been destroyed. No other damage apparent.

14. Ananda Rama Kukkilaya. Cowshed only destroyed. No relief necessary except some bamboo.

15. Puva Pujari. The worst wreck seen. Tiled, two storied house said to have cost Rs.4000/- to build. Has completely collapsed. Beds, almirahs etc. can be seen in the ruins. Said to have lost 40 muras of rice and probably some money. A considerable amount of timber and tiles --- should be available for rebuilding when the rubbish has been cleared away. Probably a deserving case as the owners are said to be mulgeni tenants who will get no relief from ---- their landlord. A large family lives in the house.

16. Rosario Luis. Cowshed only damaged to the -----

extent of Rs.50/- according to the owner.

17. Marcel Luis. Very little damage. Only one or two holes in the walls. Says he lost 4 muras of rice.

18. Juja Francis Luis. One side of the house fallen but I think there has not been much loss.

Besides the above, I saw approximately 20 other ----- thatched houses which had been destroyed and whose owners -- were not present. I was informed that there were four or five other large houses which I did not see and which belonged to Brahmin wargdars who are well off. Ramana Shetty says that he will have to build 33 new houses for his chalgeni -- tenants in Uppur. There does not seem to be any destitution in this village. The only man who seemed to be in a bad way was No.10, Duma Marakala. There has been --------- considerable damage in this village.

Abstract from Notes. Inspection of Floods.
Tour of G. W. Wells. 13th to 20th July 1923.

July 13th. 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. Mangalore to Udipi via Karkal.

4 - 6.30 P.M. Udipi to Udiawar and back. Visited Sode Mutt and saw some refugees there; embarked in a boat and went westwards round a Kudru for about a mile, then back past the ferry and round the next Kudru and so back to the ferry. Saw houses fallen down here and there.and others damaged. Stationary Deputy Tahsildar says that there has been considerable destruction of and damage to houses in the five villages (see his report) and that the Mutt and local committee are capable of attending to the immediate needs of the losers. Saw marks on the walls of houses which showed that the water must have risen to a height of three or four feet up the walls.

July 14th. Mudu Tonse. House of Tonse Bommayya Hegde, kitchen, store houses etc. Brick structure all ----- fallen. A large house. Chowki portion with a tiled roof

broken and pillars fallen. Kitchen just beyond entirely --- ccollapsed. This house is a considerable distance from the river.

House of T. Panduranga Kini; highest point of village, outhouses all fallen down. Water came into the house to about 1½ feet from the floor. Says water was standing in the ---- house from 3 P.M. to 10 P.M. last Monday.

Substantial house of Inas Luis in ruins. Just at this place, house after house has either fallen entirely or is in a crazy state. You can find nine or ten together.

Padu Tonse. Kanlala Tota. House after house ha- fallen while those standing will probably come down with a -- few inches more rain. Walls of substantial houses ------- corroded; eaten into like holes, showing force of current.

House of some Pujari in Perla Koddi. Substantial house of brick with upper story is an absolute wreck. The upper story has entirely fallen down. Said to have cost at least Rs.3000/- to build.

4 - 9 r.m. To Udiawar and back. Visited the Borji part. Much damage here. About 20 houses fallen and ------ 15 damaged. On the way from ferry, on the left bank, ------ observed quite a large number damaged or fallen. Water ---- must have been about four feet above ground level judging --- from marks on houses.

15th July. Kacchur. House of Ali Sahib ferry renter; mud or stone foundation upstair building totally collapsed and is just a heap of mud, stones and material. Said to be worth Rs.1500 - 2000. Three other houses in the close ----- proximity also collapsed.

enne Kudru. Upstair house of Mangala Pujari collapsed mostly. Tiled roof still standing but must come down. Adjoining house of same owner - granite foundation alone ----- standing.

Northwest and west part of the island. Landed here and saw about thirty houses most of which had entirely fallen down: mud and thatch houses. Said to be 80 houses in the whole --- island either wholly or partially destroyed. This outing ---

lasted from 8.15 A.M. to 1.15 P.M. when we reached Udipi --- again.

17th July. 8 A.M. - 10.30 A.M. Udipi to Coondapoor. Afternoon 2 P.M. to Anagalli where saw 46 entirely collapsed houses - mud and thatch - and for every one collapsed I saw three or four damaged houses many with only the roofs and -- props standing. In a good many places the flood came in -- and carried sand onto the seedbeds which it has buried. ~~one~~ - One can trace its course by banks of sand in between untouched fields. In one place the flood seems to have done this by swelling an existing stream and bursting in.

Saw also Bavakudru attached to Anagalli. Saw also Hirekudru. This island said to have been much affected. Saw ten or twelve houses entirely collapsed and about twice that number injured more or less seriously. Returned at 5.30 P.M.

18th July. 2 P.M. to Souda via Koteshwar and ------ Hombadi Mandadi. At ferry found road under water crossed and saw a group of seven or eight houses belonging to Abbu Bakir Saheb either fallen or badly damaged and these stand fairly high above the ferry. Besides these saw 15 collapsed or damaged houses including those in Mr. Madappaya's village (Coondapoor Taluk Board President) where also the ---------- Venkatramana Temple has fallen, a tiled building - while the hebbagalu of the Sadasiva temple, which abuts on the river, has been seriously damaged. Passed on through part of ---- Shankranaraina village where saw seven fallen houses to ---- Haladi of Udipi Taluk where I saw about 12 collapsed houses. Potel says about 50 people belonging to ten houses who have no cultivation are destitute. Billavars, Mogers and ------ Panchamas. Says they are living by getting credit and ---- selling what they have. Says they have work now which may last three weeks, after which some may go over the ghauts -- and some may resort to begging. Reached Coondapoor 6 P.M.

19th July. To Gangolli. Inspected the breakwater in connection with a petition of some merchants and sent --- remarks to Port Officer, Mangalore.

Visited fishermens quarters. Found a few houses ----- collapsed or injured. Damage not widespread here. Visited also Kodi. Saw about half adozen collapsed houses. (There are said to be a few more). Damage very little here, but -- the bar has widened and extended to the South. Returned to Coondapoor about 1 P.M.

Evening held a meeting to start a relief committee for urgent necessitous cases. Relief committee started. Self President. Mr. Madappayya Vice President. P. Ananda Rao, Treasurer. About Rs.130/- subscribed on the spot mostly by officials.

At request of meeting I would -- have preferred a non ------ official - President.

20th July. Returned to Mangalore 7.15 A.M. - 3.15 P.M.

Letter from G. W. Wells, Esquire, M.A., I.C.S., Collector of South Kanara.
To the Labour Commissioner, Madras.
Dated Camp Coondapoor, 16th July 1923.
No.-

I have the honour to state that the recent floods in -- Udipi Taluk have resulted in widespread destruction of houses in the villages of Udiawar, Tonse Barkur, Uppur etc. and -- having visited a good proportion of these places I have ----- satisfied myself that the damage has been serious. I am on my-way-to-Coondapoor where also floods are reported to have caused serious damage. In order to ascertain which of the owners require, and through poverty ought to get free grants of timber and to ascertain what materials remain and are ---- still serviceable a house ~~a house~~ to house inspection is ---- essential. I am informed that for Udipi Taluk alone this -- will have to cover about two thousand houses which are ------ situated mostly in cocoanut gardens by the riverside, and the staff at the disposal of the Tahsildar is quite inadequate, as a similar enquiry will no doubt have to be held for ------ Coondapoor Taluk, and for Mangalore Taluk. The work for the three Taluks could be done with reasonable promptitude ------ (probably in less than a month) with the assistance of the -- Labour staff of this district under the orders of Mr. Sultan Mohideen. Without some such help it will take a long time -

to do and recommendations and the orders thereon must be --- delayed. Will you therefore kindly depute the District --- Labour Officer and his staff for this work, obtaining the -- orders of Government if necessary. I should be glad of a - reply by wire, as the matter is very urgent.

Compiled 6/8/23

Villagewar list showing the loss suffered by the people of Coondapur Taluk on account of unusual floods on the 9th & 10th July 1923

Village	Buildings Collapsed		No. of persons drifted away in the floods.	Cattle lost in the floods.		Value of moveables washed away by the floods.	Remarks.
	No.	Value.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8.
Khambadkone	1	20					
Nearvanke	12	100					
Wandse	4	150				50	
Hakladi	14	800				400	
Shenapur.	24	3000				200	
Nada.	7	600				-	
Badakere	8	100				0.	
Hadavu	13	1000				25	
Irasi & Hosadu	23	885				255	
Gujjadi	30	500					
Gangolli	66	1000				1000	
Uppinakudru	15	766.					
Hemmadi	35	3000					
Kottabeltur	9	580					
Tallur	19	1449				10	

Hattiangadi	22	759			
Kanyam	1	100			
Devalkunda	1	40			
Gulvadi	15	1000			50
Kundapur	27	1000			
Koteshwar	25	1350			100
Ingalli	300	25000	50	1000	4000
Basrur	36	1226	4	94	77.
Gangadara	13	300	1	12	
K Balkur	160	15000			4000
Gangoli	24	2380.			300
Halnad	31	700			
Kavadadi	18	2395	1	10	340
Shankaranarana	50	20000	1	15	1000
Neachattu					50
Kandali Meandali	70	5000			600
Beloor	3	150			
Nujadi	2	70			
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FOR MEMBER.

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Floods - S. Kanara dt -
Detailed report Subd.

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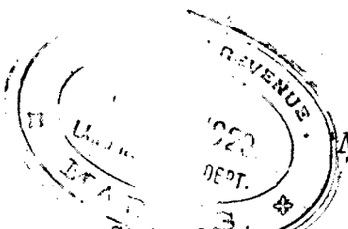

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To station Madras.

To officer or person Secretary to the Board,
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Serious floods Buntwal sixth, seventh August. Several lives believed lost, unable verify yet. Damage houses extensive. Several streets total ruin. Post office wrecked, telegraphic communication impossible. About thousand people homeless, being fed. I have been Buntwal since fifth.

(Signature)

(Designation of the officer) For Collector

To

The Secretary to the Board,
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B. P. XXII-A-19—7-18.

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To the Secy to Govt
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To officer or person Board.

Unprecedented floods Mangalore. Flood level three feet higher than that reached last month. New bar opened itself yesterday night. No loss of life. Several houses suburbs Mangalore collapsed. People able save most property. Breach Railway line 547-548 miles. Transhipment impossible 48 hours.

(Signature) P Manager 8/8

(Designation of the officer) For Collector.

To

The Secretary to the Board,

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Madras.

L&S 8/3/23

Floods - S. Kanara
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This telegram may also be read in the draft reply to Govt about floods in Mangalore suburbs sent to Secy a little while ago

Ans
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From station Mangalore.

Office Collector.

To station Madras.

To officer or person Board.

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(Signature)

(Designation of the officer) For Collector.

To

The Secretary to the Board,

Land Revenue and Settlement,

Madras.

S. F. XXII-A-19—7-18.

Subject.—

FOR MEMBER. Floods – S. Kanara dt – Mangalore and Kasaragod

Reports – Mangalore town and suburbs

Read again B.P., No. _____, dated _____ 191

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Read also :— Ref 4 & 5 of

I

Register No H 2162, From the Collr of S. Kanara, No Telegram, dated 9.8.1923 A to Govt & P to Coll

reporting unprecedented floods in Mangalore and suburbs.

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" " " From the Collr of S. Kanara, " 9.8.1923 {A P

Telegram reporting floods in Kasaragod and Mangalore

Remind on 26.8.23 RESOLUTION. No. H 2161/23-2, dated 10-8-1923.

Note

Collr was asked to send a copy telegraphic report to the Chief Secy to Govt. as required in B.S.O No 209.

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Please see Commr's orders

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Subd to Govt in continuation of B d's Refce No H 2161/23-1 d/9.8.1923.

2. The Collr should report at an early date whether in his opinion, any Govt measures of relief are called for.

(From orders)

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To Mr Secy to Govt Rev.

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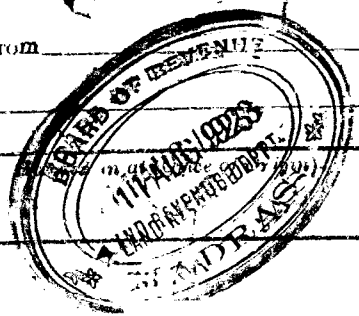

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No. *dated* 10th August 1923.

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From station Mangalore.

Office Collector.

To station Madras.

To officer or person Board.

Reported serious floods at Upprinargady seventh. One life lost, people being fed. Greater part town in ruins. Neighbouring villages also suffered. Punemangalore bridge breached, three sections gone.

(Signature) J Mambran 10.8.23

(Designation of the officer) For Collector.

To 28 10-8-23

The Secretary to the Board,

Land Revenue and Settlement,

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B. F. XXII-A-19—7-18.

Subject.—

FC. NOVEMBER

Floods. South Kanara dt — Uppinangadi town and suburbs — report subd.

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H Register No 2188, From the Coll of S. Kanara, No Telegram, dated 10. 8. 1923 A P.

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~~RESOLUTION.~~

No. H. 2161/23-3, dated 11-8 1923

Note:

So far 5 out of the 6 talukas in the dt. appear to have been affected by floods:—

1. Udipi taluk 10. 7. 23 ₹ 304
2. Coondapur ,, 10. 7. 23 ₹ 27
3. Mangalore ,, 10. 7. 23 ₹ 35
   7. 8. 23 ₹ 45
   8. 8. 23 ₹ 48
4. Uppinangadi ,, 7. 8. 23 ₹ 53,54
5. Kasaragod ,, 9. 8. 23 ₹ 51

The only tk remaining unaffected is Karkal.

11. 8. 23.

To the Secy to Govt. R. D.
" Coll of S. Kanara

Subd to Govt in continuation of Bd's Reference No. H 2161/23-2 of 10. 8. 23.

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Flwds - S. Kanara dt -
Kasaragod Tk - telegraphic
report furnished.

Note
Secy's direction at p. 1
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Refn H2 161/23.4 dt 15-8-23

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To the Secy to Govt. R.D.
the collr of S. Kanara

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17 AUG 1923
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From station Mangalore

Office Collector

To station Madras

To officer or person Secretary to the Board,
Land Revenue & Settlement,
Madras.

Hosdrug Deputy Tahsildar reports heavy floods last week Araikadavu river Kasargod Taluk. 120 houses damaged four villages. Also some houses two other villages. No loss of life.

(Signature)

(Designation of the officer) For Collector.

To

The Secretary to the Board,
Land Revenue & Settlement,
Madras.

Flds - S. Kanara dt.
Colls report.

H 2275/23.

To see

This may be filed with previous papers. This is only a copy of the letter sent direct to Govt by the Coll^{r}.

2. M_2 will be at Bangalore to-day. It seems unnecessary to send a copy to him.

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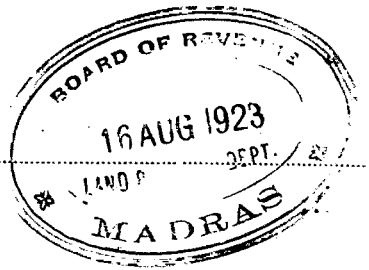

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Subject.

Floods - South Kanara District.

lives have been lost, though some cattle are said to have perished.

The occupants of ten houses who have become destitute are being fed and have been accommodated in the old Deputy Tahsildar's office building and the old subjail cells. Some of the shopkeepers are said to have raised the prices of food grains and to have been warned by the Deputy ----- Tahsildar.

Venur - Karkal Taluk.

I have had no report from the Tahsildar but I learn letter from Mr. K. Sadasiva Bhat. President. Karkal

t Puchamogar bridge between Mudabidri and -

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puttur which is seven miles away. I could not
r[illegible]. The Divisional Officer of Puttur, who had
at Mangalore while returning from Kasargod, --
hed P[illegible]r late on the night of the 11th and I saw him
[illegible]ft Puttur this morning.

[illegible]elief Committee consisting of the chief officials
[illegible] no [illegible]fficials of Puttur has already been formed and ---
[illegible]ts to have to feed about 150 of the poorer people till
[illegible]e end of September. Rice is available in Uppinangadi --
[illegible]nd Puttur.

As for neighbouring villages, I was informed that ---
[illegible]irebandady and Bajathur have each lost about fifty houses,
[illegible] Biliyur, Perne, Manginalkur, Mundaji, Hathiadka and
[illegible]adi were said to have suffered though no particulars
were available.

The rebuilding of Uppinangadi and Buntwal, the means by which the residents will have to be helped to rebuild -- them and the sites to be selected - the present sites of both having been proved to be highly dangerous - are problems -- which will have to be settled later.

Buntwal.

I returned here today. The District Board and ---- Police officers are working towards Buntwal from Mangalore. The one Motor bus in Buntwal is taking passengers out to -- the first breach on the road a few miles away and a few --- boats, secured with some difficulty, are also conveying --- them and there. About 175 persons have been removed in -- this manner today, while Police Sergeant, Bailey, has been -- moving backwards and forwards with the boats or the bus. The Secretary of the Mangalore Municipality reached here -- today with a gang of coolies and began the removal of the - dead bodies of cattle from the debris and the District ---- Health Officer has been here for some days. The first --- great need is to get these carcasses removed and to see --- that spoilt rice is not taken out and eaten by villagers -- who have been coming in to get it. I have asked the ----- District Superin[illegible]r some extra police to

patrol the streets, exclude strangers and prevent from the ruins, and they are also needed to reinforce police at Panemangalore, who are insufficient.

Besides the people who left the town today in large number have already left in the last few days and hope that the evacuation of all but the necessary minimum now proceed regularly.

I expect to be returning to Mangalore on the 14th. I am wanted there in connection with a meeting regarding relief and I hope that by that time the work of evacuation and removal of dead cattle etc., will be in good progress.

Your obedient servant,

For Collector.

Copy to the Board of Revenue, Comp? 13-8-23 13/8/23
Land Revenue & Settlement,
Madras.

M. D'S, 13/8

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Government of Madras

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. 1151, 31st July 1923

Floods (South Kanara)—Mangalore, Udipi, Coondapoor and Uppinangadi taluks—Collector's report.

READ—the following papers :—

I

Letter from G. W. WELLS, Esq., M.A., I.C.S., Collector of South Kanara, to the Secretary to the Board, Land Revenue and Settlement, dated Mangalore, the 23rd July 1923, No. R.O.C. 4295-23-V-7.

[Floods—South Kanara district—Damage caused—Report submitted.
Board's Reference No. H. 1721/23-1, dated 18th July 1923.]

On the 8th and 9th instant there were incessant and heavy rains in this district. Consequently there were unusual floods in the rivers, especially in the big rivers of (1) Netravati and Phulguni (Gurpur) in the Mangalore taluk, (2) Udyawar, Suvarnanadi and Sitanadi in the Udipi taluk, (3) the Haladi river, Chakranadi and Kollur river in the Coondapoor taluk, and (4) the Kumardhari and Netravati rivers in the Uppinangadi taluk. The floods began to rise on the morning of the 9th and reached more than the usual flood level on the evening of the 10th instant, began to subside on the morning of the 11th and completely subsided by the evening of the 12th. The areas affected by the floods, therefore, are those which lie in the vicinity of the above rivers, the worst affected being those at the confluence of these rivers with other minor rivers. There has been no loss of human life, although the floods were unprecedented in the annals of this district during the last fifty years.

2. The Tahsildar of Udipi having reported in his report, dated the 10th instant, received by me on the 11th, that the floods in his taluk had caused destruction of about a thousand houses and huts and loss of property, the total loss being estimated at half a lakh of rupees, a telegram was sent by me on the 11th to the Government and the Board of Revenue as required by paragraph 2 of G.O. No. 94, Public, dated 30th January 1917.

3. The affected parts in the three coast taluks of Coondapoor, Udipi and Mangalore are reported to be the following :—

(1) *Coondapoor taluk.*—(*a*) Balkur and Japti villages at the confluence of the Haladi and Kurianadi rivers.

(*b*) Anagalli and Coondapoor at the confluence of Chakranadi and Haladi rivers.

(*c*) Shankranarayana below the junction of the Haladi and Gurget rivers.

(2) *Udipi taluk.*—(*a*) Tonse East, Tonse West, Baikadi and Uppur villages, which lie at the confluence of the Suvarnanadi and Madisal Hole.

(*b*) Udyawar, Yenugudde, Mudabettu, Kote, Manipur and Kurkal villages lying between the Udyawar and Hirebettu rivers.

(*c*) Kachur and adjoining villages at the confluence of the Sitanadi and Sankadi rivers.

(3) *Mangalore taluk.*—(*a*) Padukodi, Bangrakulur, Tannirbhavi and Panambur villages lying at the mouth of the Phulguni or Gurpur river.

(*b*) Bantwal, Muda and Amtadi villages, 10 or 12 miles below the junction of the Netravati and Kumardhari rivers at Uppinangadi.

4. *Coondapoor taluk.*—The Tahsildar reports that about 1,078 houses including huts and sheds were completely destroyed and 250 houses were partially damaged by the floods in his taluk resulting in a total loss of about Rs. 1,08,000. With the aid of the motor boat placed at his disposal by the ferry contractor of Gangolly, the

Tahsildar was able to save life and property to a large extent in Anagalli village including a small island in it known as Hirikudru, and the Kodi portion of the Coondapoor village. Copies of his reports, dated 10th and 15th instant, are enclosed*. In consequence of these floods, the Gangolly bar has widened, eroding a small portion of patta land in Kodi. There has been also a land slide on the road leading from Kollur to Nagodi and the iron bridge over the Dalihole river has given way. A temporary bridge has now been put up by the Local Fund Engineering Department.

Udipi taluk.—In the (*a*) group of villages mentioned in paragraph 3 under this taluk, the total number of houses that collapsed is reported to be about 1,000 consisting mostly of huts, the loss being estimated at half a lakh of rupees—please see the Udipi Tahsildar's report, dated 10th July 1923, copy enclosed*. In the (*b*) group about 300 houses consisting mostly of small thatched structures have collapsed —vide the enclosed copy * of the Udipi Stationary Deputy Tahsildar's report, dated 11th July 1923, in which the extent of loss however is not specified. The Tahsildar's report on (*c*) group has not been received.

Mangalore taluk.—In the (*a*) group, 37 houses, 2 shops and 3 cow-pens have collapsed, the total loss being estimated at Rs. 5,350—vide enclosed copy * of the Mangalore Tahsildar's report, dated 12th July 1923. In the (*b*) group about 150 buildings have fallen and the loss is estimated at Rs. 25,000—vide enclosed * copy of the Bantwal Deputy Tahsildar's report dated the 13th instant.

5. Two Relief Committees have been started in Udipi on non-official initiative. As none was started at Coondapoor, I started one with two non-officials as office-bearers and an official as treasurer when I visited Coondapoor taluk on the 18th and 19th instant. These committees are taking steps to relieve the distress among the destitute.

6. With a view to have an idea of the extent of damage caused by the floods and of the general situation among the sufferers, Mr. Green, the Sub-Collector of Coondapoor, who was camping at the time in Mangalore, and myself left Mangalore for the affected areas in Udipi taluk on the 13th instant via Karkal. Both of us visited the village of Udyawar on the 13th and 14th. Mr. Green held a detailed investigation in Uppur village on the 14th, a copy of his notes of inspection is enclosed*. I also inspected between the 13th and the 16th the villages of Tonse East, Tonse West, Kachur and the island Bennekudru in Udipi taluk. Between the 17th and 20th I inspected Anagalli village including the islands of Bavakudru and Hirikudru, Souda including part of Shankranarayana, Gangolly and Kodi in Coondapoor taluk. From Shankanarayana I walked over to Haladi of Udipi taluk and saw a number of affected houses there. A transcript of my notes is enclosed*. The damage was found by me to be serious in Tonse East and West, Uppur and Kachur villages of Udipi taluk and Anagalli and Souda villages of Coondapoor taluk. Japti where it is also reported to be serious I did not visit, but I do not doubt the correctness of the report. I am taking steps with the assistance of the labour staff just placed at my disposal by the Labour Commissioner as per my request, dated 16th July 1923 (a copy of which is enclosed *), to have a house to house inspection in the affected areas in the three coast taluks mentioned above to ascertain what relief in the way of grant of bamboos and timber is necessary, the criterion for grant of such relief being that persons who have no landlords ordinarily responsible for their housing or no relatives able and willing to help them should be relieved by free grants of timber and bamboos for reconstructing or repairing their houses. As regards the losses of grain kept for household use and household effects, they no doubt appear to be widespread in the affected areas of the Udipi and Coondapoor taluks, but the Government cannot, I think, undertake to compensate for such losses and has no responsibility to do so. This seems to me a matter to be dealt with by private philanthropic individuals and charitable institutions on their own initiative and such individuals and institutions are to be found in this district. The relief of the destitute, by which expression I mean those who are unable to clothe and feed themselves for a period of time which may vary in individual cases may, I consider, be left to non-official initiative. There are not on the surface many such cases. Except in the affected villages of Udipi taluk, I found people generally at work in the areas visited by me and was not

* Not printed.

approached by any people expressing that they were in a destitute condition. At Tonse I saw a considerable number of people collected together for receiving relief from the Udipi Relief Committee and also a few families at Udyawar. Generally speaking, as the labouring classes can find work at present till the cultivation season is over and the Udipi Relief Committees have taken prompt action, I have no reason to believe that any one is starving. On my way back on the 20th, I saw the Tahsildar of Udipi who told me that approximately 400 persons are being fed in Mudu Tonse and 300 in Padu Tonse by the local Relief Committee at a cost of Rs. 45--50 a day, but he was not certain as to these figures. Probably there will be scope for the Relief Committees to do useful work when the cultivation season is over. I have had an offer of help from the District Board President, M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur N. Subba Rao of Mangalore, by way of convening a public meeting to invite subscriptions, but I am deferring acceptance of his offer at present till I am in possession of statistics of destitution, which will be collected in connexion with the house to house inspection already commenced in Udipi taluk under my instructions. Instructions have also been issued to the Tahsildar of Coondapoor and the Divisional Officer of Mangalore to collect such statistics by a house to house inquiry in the affected areas.

7. When the reports of investigation by a house to house inquiry in the affected areas of the three taluks mentioned above are received, a supplemental report will be submitted. It is reported both by the Tahsildar of Kasaragod and the Deputy Tahsildar of Hosdrug that there were no floods in the Kasaragod taluk. No report of any floods in Karkal or Uppinangady taluks has yet been received, but the Tahsildar of Karkal, whom I met on my return journey on the 20th, informed me that the damage in his taluk is not great. I have, however, issued a circular to the Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars to submit reports after careful investigation on the extent of damage caused to people by the recent floods. It is likely that the reported figures of houses affected will be found to be a little misleading in so far as they probably include cattle sheds and outhouses as well as dwelling houses.

II

Telegram from the Collector of South Kanara, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Mangalore, the 30th July 1923.

Your communication regarding floods 27th. Detailed report despatched 26th. Should reach Government 28th. No loss of life. Idea affected area, houses and property lost given in above report. Relief Committees work, Coondapoor, Udipi, Mangalore. Rice, cloth distributed to poor at Udipi, Buntwal. Statistics destitution being gathered. Staff now available sufficient.

Order—No. 1151, Revenue, dated 31st July 1923.

Miscellaneous.

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2. The Collector's further report is awaited.

(By order of the Governor in Council)

E. W. LEGH,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue and Settlement).
" Public Works Department (Irrigation).
" Public Department.
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Floods (South Kanara) - Collector's report.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. R.553 dated 8th August 1923.

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From the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue & Settlement, Ref.No.H.1721-23-2, dated 2nd August 1923.

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Recorded with reference to G.O.1151 Revenue, dated 31st July 1923.

(By order of the Governor in Council)

E.W. L e g h,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue & Settlement
with Collector's report and enclosures returned.

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue & Settlement.

By Order)

V. Paramasivam
Superintendent. 8/8/23

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Abstract.

Floods - South Kanara- Bantwal, Panemangalore, Uppinangadi and neighbouring villages - Collector's reports.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. P. 1250 , **dated** 14th August **192** 3

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From the Collector of South Kanara, R.C.No.4295/23-V-7, dated 9th August 1923.

From the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue and Settlement, Ref.No.H.2161/23-3, dated 11th August 1923.

ORDER

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(By Order of the Governor in Council).
E. W. Legh,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue and Settlement.
,, Public department.
,, Public Works Department. (I).

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue, L.R and Sett.
(By Order)

V. Pannirselvam
Superintendent. 14-8-23

TKG/14-8-23.

M,
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M.2

Legh has just rung up about S.Kanara floods. He is suggesting that Sir M.Habibullah shd. go there himself (he is now at Trichy.)

About funds, Wells has suggested the probability that extensive loans will be required for rebuilding houses. I am finding out how much money we could probably raise by cutting down work under the Agricultural Loans Act. It would be an advantage if we could have as soon as possible a rough idea of the amount. Wells is likely to ask for. I think we should have no difficulty in putting up a lakh or so out of surrenders. Would this be enough?

(Mr) S.W
17.8.23

Copy sent to M, under IA's mail reference).

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

POST COPY OF TELEGRAM.

From

The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

To

The Hon'ble Khan Bahadur Sir Md. Habib-ul-lah Sahib Bahadur, Kt., C.I.E.,
T r i c h i n o p o l y.

Dated Fort St. George, the 17th August 1923.

Collector Kanara writes requesting visit senior official. Suggesting need Government loan for rebuilding. Turing should reach Mangalore to-day. Perhaps you will like visit District on leaving Trichinopoly. Railway ends ten miles South Mangalore. Letter follows.

(Copy by post)

17/8/23.

Ag. Secretary to Government.

Copy to S. Wadsworth Esq., I.C.S.,

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Copy of D.O. from the Collector of South Kanara, dated the 12th August 1923:--

Your D.O. No.1503 B/23-1, dated 6th August reached me to-day and I am replying at once. I have already heard from Mr. Suryanarayana Rao and hope to meet him at Mangalore on the 14th. I will of course give the Committees you mention and Mr. Suryanarayana Rao any information or help that I can in their enquiries regarding the extent of the distress and the best means of dealing with it.

Since you wrote we have suffered a far worse in the destruction of Buntwal, Panemangalore, Uppinangadi and Venur. Regarding the first floods I wrote that it was not necessary to trouble the Revenue Member to come here, but in regard to these second floods I think that a Member of the Board of Revenue might be requested to come to the District and see the extent of the damage and the problems that will confront us in rebuilding Buntwal and Uppinangadi. In their present sites both are most dangerously situated, and if there is to be a long term Government loan for the rebuilding of them - I can think of no other expedient at present - Government must have some say as to the sites of the new towns. The ruins of Buntwal, Uppinangadi and Panemangalore, and probably of Venur which I have not seen, are beginning to be very unhealthy what with carcasses and rotting rice in the debris, but at a fairly early date the visit of an experienced officer is in my opinion essential. Meanwhile the efforts of all of us are directed to immediate evacuation and relief.

P.S. Dawson. D.S.P. writes me that the railway now ends at Manjashwar about ten miles South of Mangalore.

Copy to S. Wadsworth Esq., I.C.S.

17/8/23

Ag. Secretary to Government.

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REVENUE SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

D.O.No.1630 B/23-1. FORT ST. GEORGE,

Dated the 16th August 1923.

Dear Wells,

I am to enclose a copy of a letter from Dr. U. Rama Rao, M.L.C. to the Press and to request you to furnish to Government, as promptly as possible through Macmichael, your considered opinion as to - whether any action by Government is necessary towards relief of distress.

Yours sincerely,

E. W. L e g h.

To

E. W. Wells Esq., I.C.S.,

Collector of South Kanara.

with a copy of letter.

Copy to N. Macmichael Esq., I.C.S.,

Commissioner of Land Revenue and Settlement,

with a copy of letter.

Ag. Secretary to Govt.

P.R.N.16-8-23.

Copy of letter from Dr. U. Rama Rao, M.L.C., to the Press, dated the 15th August 1923:--

UNPRECEDENTED FLOODS IN SOUTH CANARA.

DAMAGE TO THE EXTENT OF 1 CRORE OF RUPEES.

PRIVATE MUNIFICENCE INADEQUATE.

GOVT. MUST START RELIEF CENTRES.

It is said "Misfortune never comes single" and the District of South Canara affords a striking example of this proverb. It was only quite recently that the heavy and unusual floods in Kalyanpur and Gangulli rivers had caused considerable damage to property in two or three taluqs--thank God there was no loss of human lives on that occasion--and before something could be done by way of relief to the sufferers in the affected area, there comes the startling news that Nethravathi river was in serious floods on the 6th and the 7th instant and heavy damages have been done to Buntwal and its surroundings attended with loss of several lives this time. Nature seems to be relentless and is determined to inflict untold miseries on the people of South Canara. The following description of the horrors of the 2nd flood by an eye-witness will convince the public of the enormity of the damage done and the need for instant relief:--

"Most of the villages on both sides of the river are swept off. In some villages, only 3 or 4 houses are left. Jappu, Adyar, Arkul, Buntwal, Panimayalur, Sharpadi, Uppinagadi, all have the ruins of houses. In Buntwal alone, about 1,000 houses are swept off. Houses even 3 miles from the river are damaged. In Buntwal alone about 30,000 muras of rice are lost in addition to the houses, cloth, shops etc., Buntwal, Uppinagadi are the bigger towns affected and it is impossible to estimate the losses. It can't be less than a crore".

There is no doubt that several organizations have been started to afford relief to the unfortunate victims. But they cannot be expected to go so far as to satisfy the entire needs of the present situation. Public philanthropy and munificence have not exhibited as yet any signs of oversubscribing the Relief

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Fund and considering that not even a thousand rupees were collected at the meeting held in Madras for the purpose last occasion, it will be unwise to rely solely on public sympathy and public support to save almost the whole District population from starvation and misery. Feeding, clothing and housing the distressed people in the affected areas are the three necessary and indispensable items and a moment's delay in doing this, means further suffering and further loss of lives. This is the time for the Government to step in and start several relief centres in the affected areas immediately. Let not the Government take shelter under the Famine Code, and wait for regular famine to set in and for hundreds and thousands of people seen actually dying from hunger and starvation, before they can take any action. The days of Red-Tapesim are gone and without waiting for the usual formalities of reports, references, consultations, considerations and declarations--all of which will take several months--let the Government, if they are earnest and if they think they have a duty to perform to the suffering humanity, forthwith instruct by wire to the Collector to start relief centres at once in the affected localities. I appeal to the Hon. the Revenue Member to give a practical proof of his sympathy and large heartedness by unlocking the Government Treasury at this critical juncture and thereby earn the goodwill and esteem of the public before he lays down his office, temporarily though, to take up his new appointment created to fill the already overfull purses of the Public Services.

SERVANTS OF INDIA SOCIETY,

ROYAPETTAH,

Madras, Aug 21, *192*

Dear Mr.Wadsworth,

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of the Collector's report in advance and that gave me very good guidance for my investigation on the spot. I saw the Collector on the 15th inst. and had a long talk on the flood situation. I made ~~many~~ some suggestions as to the form of relief that the Government can usefully give. I am embodying my suggestions in the form of a note and I shall arrange to send you a copy for your perusal. Anyhow I would like to see you and give you an idea of the situation formed after personal observation, and I find that we have not been getting enough funds for immediate relief. As you know the situation has become worse after the second floods,. So I am proceeding to Bombay to get some funds with the help of Mr. Devadhar. I may leave on the 24th inst. I shall feel obliged if you can see me by that day. Kindly write a line in reply.

Yours Sincerely

R Rangaswamy Ram

Please copy at once for 65.

Attended to 21/

Dear Mr Ramayya Rau

The 24th is a holiday & I hope to be enjoying it. But if you could manage to call at the Bd's office tomorrow — preferably about 12 to 1 — I should be glad to have a talk with you about Skanada

So far we have had no application for funds but only a rough indication that a considerable grant will be required for loans to rebuild houses. I think you can take it that the funds will be forthcoming for this purpose — though this is of course unofficial and not for publication. Yours sincerely

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Ref.C.No.4295-23-V7. South Kanara Collector's office,
Mangalore, 24th August 1923.

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From

G. W. Wells, Esquire, M.A., I.C.S.,
Collector of South Kanara.

To

The Secretary to the Board,
Land Revenue & Settlement,
M a d r a s.

11.30 VR

Sir,

Mr 4 + 5 of his letter

Reference: Floods - South Kanara District - Board's reference No.H.2161-23-2, dated 10th August 1923.

Statistics of loss are already being collected,-- and will be submitted when completed. Mr. Turing,- Member of the Board of Revenue, who is in the district is holding an enquiry. A contribution to the Mangalore --- Relief Committee has already been asked for. Any ------ further measures necessary, such as loans for reconstruction of houses etc., will be suggested later.

Your obedient servant,

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Collector.

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Compd 25/8/23.

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Floods - S. Kanara

Refer H2161/23-8 of 31.8.23.
Send to Govt.
2. The collr's further report is awaited.

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from

Copy of Telegram /the Second Member, Board of Revenue, Land Revenue and Settlement, dated 19th Aug. 1923.

Your Note 17th [illegible]. Kanara floods. Please inform Revenue Secretary urgently, I expect send in within three four days detailed description position. [illegible] I consider press reports overcoloured. Collector with my concurrence advising immediate grant Rs. Five thousand to assist feeding poorest class sufferers. No other step. Very urgent, suggest awaiting my report. Regarding loans Collector estimates at least one lakh necessary. Accurate estimate impossible as yet.'

20.8.23

Copy submitted to Hy. for favour of perusal.

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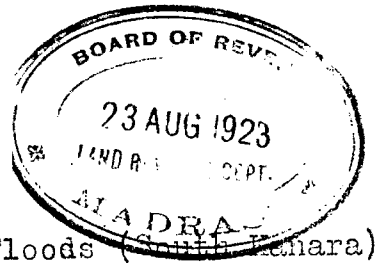

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Floods (South Kanara)- Kasaragod taluk - Collector's telegraphic report.

#2393

G.O. Mis.No. 1287 Revenue, dated 31st August 1923.

Read the following:-

From the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue and Settlement, Ref.M.No. 2161/23-4, dated 15th August 1923.

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R E C O R D E D.

2. The Board of Revenue is requested to instruct the Collector to submit a detailed report on the subject.

(By Order of the Governor in Council).
E. W. L e g h,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, L.R and Sett.

TKG/21-8-23 Forwarded to the Board of Revenue, L.R and Sett.
(By Order)
Superintendent 22.8.23

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Floods – S. Kanara dt –

detailed report – called for

Refs H 2161/23-6 & 27.8.23. H 2393/23 – A – received

Communicated to the Collr of S. Kanara. He is requested to ~~send~~ expedite the detailed report on the subject.

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To the Collr of S. Kanara

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. 1236, 13th August 1923

Floods (South Kanara)—Mangalore and Kasaragod taluks—Collector's preliminary repo

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READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O. No. 1151, Revenue, dated 31st July 1923.

II

Reference from the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue and Settlement), No. H. 2161/23-1, dated 9th August 1923.

N. MACMICHAEL, Esq., I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue and Settlement.

Read—the following paper :—

Telegram from G. W. WELLS, Esq., I.C.S., Collector of South Kanara, dated 9th August 1923.

Serious floods Bantval sixth seventh August. Several lives believed lost. Unable verify yet damage houses extensive. Several streets total ruin. Post office wrecked telegraphic communication impossible. About thousand people homeless being fed. I have been Bantval since fifth.

Reference.

Submitted to Government.

2. The Collector is requested to submit a detailed report in due course.

(By order)

A. APPADURAI PILLAI,
Assistant Secretary.

III

Reference from the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue and Settlement), No. 2161/23-2, dated 10th August 1923.

N. MACMICHAEL, Esq., I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue and Settlement.

Read—the following paper :—

(i)

Telegram from G. W. WELLS, Esq., I.C.S., Collector of South Kanara, dated 9th August 1923.

Unprecedented floods Mangalore. Flood level three feet higher than that reached last month. New bar opened itself yesterday night. No loss of life. Several houses suburbs Mangalore collapsed. People able save most property. Breach railway line 547–548 miles. Transhipment impossible 48 hours.

(ii)

Telegram from G. W. WELLS, Esq., I.C.S., Collector of South Kanara, dated 9th August 1923.

Tahsildar wires. Heavy floods Payasawani river Kasaragod taluk. 250 houses damaged. Mangalore taluk nine villages—local vicar reports 300 houses damaged.

Reference.

Submitted to Government in continuation of Board's Reference No. H. 2161/23 dated 9th August 1923.

2. The Collector should report at an early date whether, in his opinion, any Government measures of relief are called for.

S. WADSWORTH,
Secretary.

Order—No. 1236, Revenue, dated 13th August 1923.

Miscellaneous.	Recorded.

2. The Government await the Collector's further detailed reports.

(By order of the Governor in Council)

E. W. LEGH,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue and Settlement).
" Public Department.
" Public Works Department (Irrigation).
Editors' Table.

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue & Settlement)

(By order)

Superintendent.

Read H 2421/23 — Q

A.S. (Scott)

Refd. H 2161/23-7 dt 29.8.23

Communicated to the Coll of S. Kanara in continuation of Bd's Refd. No H 2161/23-6 dt 27.8.23.

under issue in circumst Section Govt have asked the Coll to submit a detailed report

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Accepted

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Government of Madras

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. 1274, 18th August 1923

Floods (South Kanara)—Buntwal, Uppinangadi, Venur and neighbouring villages—Collector's detailed report.

READ—the following papers :—

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Wh 91 & 92 c/o G.O. No. 1250, Revenue, dated 14th August 1923.

II

Letter from G. W. WELLS, Esq., M.A., I.C.S., Collector of South Kanara, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Camp Buntwal, the 12th August 1923, Ref. C. No. 4295/23-V7.

In continuation of my report, dated 9th August 1923, R.O.C. No. 4295-V7-23, I have the honour to state that I have received a report from the Deputy Tahsildar of Beltangadi which shows that heavy floods occurred on the 7th August. The damage is reported to be eight houses collapsed in Beltangadi Kasba and nine houses in Guruvainkere, the latter owing to the breaching of the Venur Road, which formed the Eastern bund of the Guruvainkere tank. The total damage to houses, paddy fields and areca gardens is estimated at Rs. 7,000. So far as the Deputy Tahsildar could ascertain, no human lives have been lost, though some cattle are said to have perished.

The occupants of ten houses who have become destitute are being fed and have been accommodated in the old Deputy Tahsildar's office building and the old sub-jail cells. Some of the shopkeepers are said to have raised the prices of food-grains and to have been warned by the Deputy Tahsildar.

Venur-Karkal taluk.—I have had no report from the Tahsildar but I learn from a letter from Mr. K. Sadasiva Bhat, President, Karkal Taluk Board that Puchamogar Bridge between Mudabidri and Buntwal, and Venur Bridge between Mudabidri and Guruvainkere and several minor footbridges have been washed away, while many houses have been destroyed in Venur, Maroor and other villages. This has been corroborated by people who have come to Buntwal. No further particulars are available.

Uppinangadi.—I went to Puttur from Buntwal yesterday morning, 11th, and went on to Uppinangadi in the afternoon. The major or Kasba portion of this town lies between two rivers, the Netravati and the Kumaradari which join a little beyond the Sangama temple. I have already submitted a copy of the Stationary Deputy Tahsildar's report and what I saw myself confirms it. In the Kasba portion which consists of two main streets of shops, dwelling houses and public buildings practically all except about a dozen buildings have either collapsed or must fall. The temple stands, also the hospital, the police station and the tile factory of Mr. Purushotham Bhat. The latter told me that on the night of the floods, he sheltered 800 people in his factory and that he had 200 there at the time of my visit. The Deputy Tahsildar puts the first figure at six or seven hundred. The number of persons rendered homeless by the floods is estimated at 700 to 1,000, of whom about 250 were said to be still in the place when I went there, and 120 to 150 to have been sheltered in Puttur which is seven miles away. I could not trace the rest. The Divisional Officer of Puttur, who had been held up at Mangalore while returning from Kasargod, reached Puttur late on the night of the 11th and I saw him before I left Puttur this morning.

A Relief Committee, consisting of the chief officials and non-officials of Puttur, has already been formed and expects to have to feed about 150 of the poorer people till the end of September. Rice is available in Uppinangadi and Puttur.

As for neighbouring villages, I was informed that Hirebandady and Bajathur have each lost about fifty houses, while Biliyur, Perne, Maninalkur, Mundaji, Hathiadka and Kotrapadi were said to have suffered, though no particulars were available.

The rebuilding of Uppinangadi and Buntwal, the means by which the residents will have to be helped to rebuild them and the sites to be selected—the present sites of both having been proved to be highly dangerous—are problems which will have to be settled later.

Buntwal.—I returned here to-day. The District Board and Police officers are working towards Buntwal from Mangalore. The one motor bus in Buntwal is taking passengers out to the first breach on the road a few miles away and a few boats, secured with some difficulty, are also conveying them there. About 175 persons have been removed in this manner to-day, while Police Sergeant Bailey has been moving backwards and forwards with the boats or the bus. The Secretary of the Mangalore municipality reached here to-day with a gang of coolies and began the removal of the dead bodies of cattle from the debris and the District Health Officer has been here for some days. The first great need is to get these carcasses removed and to see that spoilt rice is not taken out and eaten by villagers who have been coming in to get it. I have asked the District Superintendent of Police for some extra police to patrol the streets, exclude strangers and prevent thieving from the ruins, and they are also needed to reinforce the police at Panemangalore, who are insufficient.

Besides the people who left the town to-day, a large number have already left in the last few days and I hope that the evacuation of all but the necessary minimum will now proceed regularly

I expect to be returning to Mangalore on the 14th, as I am wanted there in connexion with a meeting regarding relief and I hope that by that time the work of evacuation and removal of dead cattle, etc., will be in good progress.

Order—No. 1274, Revenue, dated 18th August 1923.

Miscellaneous. Recorded.

(By order of the Governor in Council)

E. W. Legh,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue and Settlement).
,, Public Department.
,, Public Works Department (Irrigation).
Editors' table.

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue & Settlement)

(By order)

Superintendent.

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Government of Madras

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. 1250, 14th August 1923

loods (South Kanara)—Bantwal, Panemangalore, Uppinangadi and neighbouring villages —Collector's report.

READ—the following papers :—

I

Letter from G. W. WELLS, Esq., M.A., I.C.S., Collector of South Kanara, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Bantwal, the 9th August 1923, Ref. C. No. 4295/23-V-7.

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In continuation of my telegrams of 8th and 9th August 1923, I regret to report that serious floods occurred in the Netravathi river at Bantwal on the night of 6th and 7th August and began to subside on the night of the 7th at about 10 p.m. Bantwal has suffered very severely. About a thousand people of all classes have lost their homes. The Post and Telegraph office is in ruins and large stretches of streets—sometimes whole streets—have fallen down. The sufferers were received in the Gowd Saraswath temple, the Deputy Tahsildar's office, the hospital and the travellers' bungalow. There is still some congestion as to accommodation, but some of the sufferers are beginning to leave the place for Mangalore and villages. They have been fed by the temple authorities and there is plenty of food for the present. For a whole day the police lines were isolated from the town and there were complaints of looting by night by Mappillas in boats, and for the first two days scarcely any boats were procurable in the town. I only saw two, one of which was plying up and down the streets and moving people out of their houses, while the other was being loaded with property. The Inspector and two or three constables were in the town, but one of the Sub-Inspectors was cut off in the country and the other was isolated in a part of the town called Jakaribettu and could not get in. The Abkāri Inspector, Mangalore Circle, who was on his way to the toddy sales at Beltangady was isolated on a hill behind the police lines with a large number of persons whom he collected on the hill on the early morning of the 7th. He reached Bantwal travellers' bungalow on the 8th morning.

The number of deaths from the floods at Bantwal is estimated at four, but names and particulars are not available.

Bantwal is an important rice centre. Most of the rice stored there has either been lost or spoiled and the effect on the future feeding of the district may be serious.

I went to Panemangalore this morning. Three divisions of the Panemangalore girder bridge are gone and I am informed that the water rose to about a foot above the deck of the bridge. I saw a tree stump entangled just below the deck of the bridge this morning.

Panemangalore has also suffered heavily. Here too whole streets have been laid low and I found the travellers' bungalow full of refugees.

I have to-day received a report from the Stationary Deputy Tahsildar of Puttur respecting Uppinangadi which shows that that town also is in ruins. He states that the police station, the hospital, the two boys' schools, the garbha grahas of two temples and a few substantial buildings are alone standing and that other buildings have either wholly or partly fallen. The Post office has collapsed and the records have been lost. The Forest Range office with its records has been washed away. The records of the Abkāri Sub-Inspector and the Revenue Inspector have been washed away. The medical stores of the hospital have been destroyed or damaged. The loss of rice is estimated at 2,500 muras, i.e., about Rs. 18,000. The report

shows that one life has been lost, that of a Mappilla woman, but so far as could be ascertained no others. About 500 people are reported to have been rendered homeless and to have been accommodated in the travellers' bungalow and tile factory, and a private house. It is stated that they are being fed, but whether this can be done for more than two or three days seems doubtful. The loss of cattle is reported to have been heavy, and the floods are said to have also destroyed a few houses in Hirebandadi, Neckiladi, Illanthila and Bajathur villages.

I enclose a copy of the Puttur Stationary Deputy Tahsildar's report. I am going to Uppinangadi the day after to-morrow.

Heavy floods are reported to have occurred at Mangalore on 7th August 1923, lasting till 8 p.m. The railway line breached and houses collapsed at Kudroli, Sultan's Battery, Bolar and Jeppu. I hear that a natural bar opened opposite to the Sultan's Battery near the site of the old bar. I have had no news yet of Coondapoor and Udipi taluks.

II

Reference from the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue and Settlement) H. No. 2161/23-3, dated 11th August 1923.

N. Macmichael, Esq., I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue and Settlement.

Read—the following paper:—

Telegram from the Collector of South Kanara, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Land Revenue and Settlement, dated 10th August 1923.

Reported serious floods at Uppinangadi seventh. One life lost. People being fed. Greater part town in ruins. Neighbouring villages also suffered. Panemangalore bridge breached. Three sections gone.

Reference.

Submitted to Government in continuation of Board's Reference No. H. 2161/23-2, dated 10th August 1923.

S. Wadsworth,
Secretary.

Order—No. 1250, Revenue, dated 14th August 1923.

Miscellaneous. Recorded.

(By order of the Governor in Council)

E. W. Legh,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue and Settlement).
" Public Department.
" Public Works Department (Irrigation).
Editors' Table.

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-Gos's recorded.

(By order)

Superintendent.

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Copy to the Collr of S. Kanara with Copies of Gos. Nos 1250 Revn

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Floods - South Kanara - Udipi Tk —

Mr 2 d 3 c/

S.

Please see the D.O. below the collector of South Kanara has as yet sent only a telegraphic report on the floods in the rivers of the Udipi taluk. His detailed report is awaited. Should any D.O. reply be sent to the Secretary, Servants of India society?

We got yesterday a copy of a report sent by post I think?

Put up

Mr 23.7.23. 23.7.23

S.

The Ego. is put up. Collr's report will be found at p. 8 cf.

MM

Mr 24.7.23. 24.7.23

May I tell the gentleman that no detailed report has yet been received, that as far as our informants go about 2000 houses were washed away in Udipi Taluk that the damage done by the floods is being investigated.

24.7.23

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S. Draft D.O. Subd.

Issue today.

Mr 26.7.23 26.7.23

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B.B's Refer H 1721/23-1 dy 18.7.23

H 1966/23 from Coll^r S. Kanara

Floods - S. Kanara dt
- damages caused
report.

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Please see the collr's detailed report at pp 11-16 Ref.

~~Draft herewith~~

SK 31.7.23

I don't think we should attempt to copy these 63 pages of worthless superfluous matter. We may send the whole bodily as put up retaining a copy of the Collr's letter only. A copy of the Collr's letter may also be furnished to Mr Suryanarayana Rao for his official use

SK 31/7/23

SK 1.8.23

I don't see the copy for the files of private gentleman

SK 2/8/23

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Draft D.O. herewith ~~at p cf~~ below

2. The portions enclosed ~~in~~ within [-] the collr's report relating to estimates of losses etc may be omitted in the copy to be furnished to Mr. Suryanarayanarao for official use. Such ~~this~~ place

pp. 11 to 16

~~Original to give~~

particulars before
~~information to~~ the public —
Vide the Madras floods G.O.
at. (J).

3.8.23

3.8.23

Floods — S. Kanara dt —

placed separately [H 2211 Coll.r of S. Kanara
H 2217 — do —]

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Please see the two letters below
of the coll.r of South Kanara.
The second letter dt 9.8.23
is only a copy of the letter sent
to Govt direct. The first
letter dt 8.8.23 contains
some information about
the floods in Mangalore
town and suburbs. It
may perhaps be subject to
Govt. The coll.r has sent
a copy of the circular which he
issued to the revenue officers
and talvas officers in
the dt for collecting
statistics. It does not
seem necy that the
circular should go to Govt.

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[Initialled in the 2d. draft]

A.S. (Sett).

A.S. (Sett)

The Govs at pp 69-73 of may be filed with the previous papers. The Dr has already asked the Collr to submit the further report promised by him and it may be awaited

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